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—Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids—

held at the

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
MANITOBA WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AIDS ASSOCIATION
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ON OCTOBER 20th, 1950.

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association, was held on Friday October 20th 1950, in the MacDonald Room of the Fort Garry Hotel. 1950

Registration of representatives commenced at 9:30 A.M. The President, Mrs. A. E. Hoskin occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer at 10:00 A.M. The President then gave her report as follows:

"Members of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids, friends and guests, may I extend to you all a most hearty greeting, and welcome you to the fourth annual meeting of our Association, on behalf of the members of the Executive as well as myself. It is a real inspiration to see how many of you have come here today, and I hope that you will all derive lasting benefit, and will take back to your aids many new ideas which you may get from hearing the reports.

This year has been a busy one for all the aids, and I have enjoyed working with them. From my own observations when I visited some of you, and from news of the work others are doing, it is easily seen how valuable each group is to the hospital for which it is working. I was unfortunately in British Columbia when some new hospital units were opened, so was unable to be present, then again the flood postponed other openings, but I was happy to attend at three, namely McCreary, Roblin, and Whitemouth, and I was indeed glad to do so and take part in the ceremonies which marked a red letter day for each of these communities.

My first visit was to McCreary on June 22nd, where I very much enjoyed the programme, which was in two sections, the first, with speeches and the introduction of the staff with Miss Price as Matron, was held in the theatre, after which we drove to the hospital, where the prayer of dedication was offered, the ribbon was cut by Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, and the hospital in all it's pristine freshness was inspected. The many articles of furniture, draperies and supplies which had been provided by the Aid were very much admired. My next visit was to Roblin, on July 19th where the exercises were held on the grounds in front of the hospital. The ribbon was cut by Dr. A. Woods Hicks, whom many of our Winnipeg members will remember from his old time residence in the city. Here again we saw a fine hospital, many of the furnishings and much of the equipment having been provided by the local Aid. Miss E. M. Christie is the matron. Refreshments were served on the grounds of the hospital. My third visit was to Whitemouth, where the opening took place on Labour Day. Another beautiful hospital, complete in every detail, again thanks to the untiring work of the Aid. Mrs. A. J. Ferguson is the matron here. Here the programme was carried out on the steps of the hospital, with the ribbon being cut by Mrs. A. S. Williams. As the opening took place at noon, a wonderful lunch was served to the guests, in the lovely new school, just across the street from the hospital. I thoroughly enjoyed these visits, and the Aids concerned can be justly proud of their work. It is a wonderful experience to see these hospitals opening in places where formerly if one were taken ill it meant a weary journey, often over bad roads, many miles to the nearest hospital. One realizes that were it not for the efforts of the women, the opening of many of the new hospitals would never take place, a fact mentioned by all the men.

No doubt you have heard over the radio recently, or seen news reels, urging parents of babies to have them immunized against small-pox, diptheria, and whooping cough, during their first year. The minister of health in the Federal Cabinet stated that if this were done, these former scourges of childhood could be wiped out. A thought which you might carry home with you, particularly to country districts where the people may not have access to literature on this subject, is that your Aid might be of service in trying to influence the parents of young children to give them this

protection. Another thing which you might do is to urge everyone in your district to have a chest x-ray when the mobile unit visits you. It is odd how many people do not think it worth the trouble to have this simple thing done, which might save them misery later on.

Your Executive has done a good year's work, which you will realize when you hear their interesting reports. I wish to thank them all for carrying on in my absence, and specially I want to thank Mrs. George, who did so much while I was away, and who has been a source of information and help whenever I have called on her. I need not mention how Miss Macleod carried on, in spite of the fact that the flood drove her from her home, damaging her records and making it most difficult for her, but nothing daunted, she got her things in order, and did the arranging for this convention. We all owe her a deep debt of gratitude. I wish also to give my personal thanks to the Aids in the towns which I visited, for their very gracious hospitality to me.

May I conclude my remarks by wishing each Aid the best of luck in the coming year, and success in all your endeavors."

Miss Macleod read the Recording Secretary's Report, followed by the Audited Financial Statement.

MISS MACLEOD'S REPORT -

Madam President, Members and Friends:

"It is my privilege to present this report of our Fourth Annual Meeting. Such a meeting is reminiscing--recollecting what has been done. It has been a busy year--much more than our two special and four executive meetings denote. You remember, of course, voting for an Essay Contest at our last Annual. As the convenor of the contest is reporting on it, I will not dwell at length, only to say that were it not for Mrs. Fillmore's courage and perseverance, your wishes would never have culminated in the grand success it was. It was very gratifying to have so many of you attend the presentation of prizes at the Metropolitan Theatre despite the bad roads. Numbers of splendid thank you letters were received from contest participants. Each entrant had an invitation to be present at the final affair, as well as being sent a letter to give a few of the Judges' remarks. To all you people who helped with the contest by interviewing your local school principals and newspapers our thanks. Another big thank you for your help in the Manitoba Nurse Recruitment Campaign. Mrs. George whose "Baby" that last-named is, will give an account of same. How many of you were fortunate in listening in on Kate Aitkens Ogilvie Town of the Week when Steinbach was on the air? What a thrill to hear our own women so well spoken of. Minnedosa day was May 24th. Mrs. Green, the President, sent me the pamphlet--the broadcast I did not hear.

I suppose few reports can be written of any project in Winnipeg without mention of the flood. You may be sure we were glad of the assistance many of you gave in welcoming sick evacuees to your Hospitals. At this point may I beg forgiveness for sins of omission. Some letters went unanswered, but the Records, Reports, Constitution, etc., etc., of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association were the very first things to go into safe keeping from my home. My benefactress sheltered others' belongings also, but our records were at the bottom of the heap, and had to remain there for a long time. To those of you who so kindly requested my presence at your opening ceremonies, my note on the flood gives the answer for my silence.

Amy Roe's impressions of "A Provincial Women's Meeting" in the November 1949 issue of The Country Guide, would go into many homes, giving them a fair-sized glimpse of the work of Hospital Aiders. With the mounting cost of living, in no sphere is it more keenly felt than in the hospital household. Thus, as Hospital Aiders, our task demands hand, head and heart. There is no standing still for us.

I hope you remember Dr. Trainor's words of encouragement and praise when he brought greetings from the Manitoba Hospital Association. We were happy to have Dr. Trainor, Dr. Wallace Grant, Judge George and Mr. Ernest Gagnon as our guests last year. The last named had served for 17 years as Secretary of the Association, and made an excellent job of it.

As we are now paid members of the Manitoba Provincial Council of Women, we should gain strength from that source.

There are bound to be similarities in reports heard here today, but are they any more so than the cause for which we are working. So many have been implicated in money or service help this year, that if I thank you all in a lump, I hope you will accept it as graciously as it is meant. The Honourable Ivan Schultz for contribution (from the Government), Dr. and Mrs. Thorlakson, without whose help we could not have conducted our contest, the Judges, the Theatre Management, Brigadier Houghton who had us for our Recruitment Meetings in Grace Hospital Board room, Miss Winnifred Barratt, as Secretary for the campaign and the Executive and Advisory Committee, Mrs. Fillmore, your Corresponding Secretary, the Press Women, our President and so many too numerous to give names--these are all included in my thanks.

May I quote Mrs. George's closing words in her final report as President: My earnest prayer is that our Provincial Aid Association may grow to be a strong link in the Hospital chain of Manitoba and assist in every way possible to bring comfort to the unfortunate sick in our midst." Mrs. George surely worked for greater co-operation.

And finally, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Madam President, this is respectfully submitted.

Christina Macleod
Recording Secretary.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for period October 13th, 1949 to October 20th, 1950.

Cash in Royal Bank of Canada as at October 13th, 1949.		\$ 61.46
Receipts		
Fees collected	\$207.00	
Dinner - re annual meeting	268.00	
Donations - re Essay Contest	225.00	
Miscellaneous	1.30	
Bank Interest	1.17	702.47
		<u>\$763.93</u>
Expenditures		
Fees refunded	\$ 10.00	
Dinner - re Annual Meeting	312.00	
Prizes - re Essay Contest	214.70	
Reports	65.25	
Stationery	31.29	
Exchange, etc.	9.20	642.44
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Cash in The Royal Bank of Canada as at October 20th, 1950.		\$121.49

Auditor's Certificate

I have examined the books and accounts of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Association for the period 13th October, 1949 to 20th October, 1950 and in my opinion the above represents a true and correct summary of the cash receipts and expenditures for the period.

Charles R. Pierson,
Auditor.

Miss Macleods report was adopted and the Financial Statement accepted. She was given a hearty vote of thanks for her excellent Report and for the time and thought she has given to the work of the Manitoba Hosp. Aids Assn. throughout the year.

NURSES RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN: - Mrs. J. M. George.

In February the advisory committee for Health services recommended to the Minister of Health & Public Welfare that an active recruitment campaign for student nurses be conducted. The Manitoba Hospital Aids Assn. was asked to name two representatives to act on this committee, preferably those that were able to attend meetings in Winnipeg. At a meeting of the Executive of the M.W.H. Aids Assn. Mrs. J. George & Mrs. W.P. Fillmore were asked to act with Miss C. Macleod as alternate. Miss Winnifred Barratt acted as chairman.

Through the kindness of Brigadier Houghton the many meetings were held in the Board Room of Grace Hospital, where refreshments were served after each meeting and much enjoyed.

A Budget was worked out and submitted to the Advisory Committee for Health services & Dept. of Health, and was forwarded by them to the Dept. of Health & Welfare at Ottawa for their approval. After being approved, plans then went forward for planning the campaign.

This test campaign for Nurses Recruitment was very rushed due to the fact that to reach high school students the itinerary had to be completed before school examinations were held in June. The campaign was delayed at the onset until permission to enter schools had been received.

The Southern Area of Manitoba was flooded by this time which meant the itinerary had to be adjusted, leaving the Southern Area until last. Weather conditions were so bad that some centres could not be visited, thereby causing some disappointment.

The short notice of the changed plans received by the communities made it impossible in some cases for meetings to be held. Permission was obtained from Ottawa for posters to be displayed in Post Offices, others were sent to schools.

37 Schools & 10 Adult groups attended 40 meetings. In three instances the picture "Girls in White" was not shown due to lack of a projector. Pamphlets regarding Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses training, and loans for student nurses, were given to interested parties at the meetings. Reports and schedules were inserted in the local and Winnipeg newspapers and the Manitoba Pool Elevator news-sheet.

Great interest was shown by audiences and many individuals asked advice re training and entrance educational requirements. The Teachers who act as vocational guidance counsellors were particularly interested. Some misunderstanding exists both by students and teachers as to which high school course is necessary for Registered Nurse training. A few students (and their parents) were distressed to find that the high school course they had completed was not equivalent of matriculation or normal school entrance standing. Any controversial questions and statements were referred by the field worker to the Executive Secretary of the Manitoba Assocn. for Registered Nurses or the Registrar for Licensed practical nurses.

To date 117 enquiries have been received re Registered Nurse Training and 228 re Practical Nurse training.

The success of this campaign cannot be assessed as yet but more applications have been received by Practical Nurse training schools than here-to-fore.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES:

Delegates were introduced by Miss C. Macleod.

ARBORG - Mrs. E. L. Johnson

The Arborg Hospital Aid is just in its infancy. It was organized in the early Spring and meets every other month at the Hospital i.e. the "Aid Board." The Board consists of 2 members from 8 organizations. Arborg, like other places, is over organized, and it was felt by making all the Womens' organizations in the community members, that the Aid had a great power behind it. One meeting for all the member bodies will be held every year, giving their reports of the activities.

We had the open meeting on May 21st. Miss Broadfoot and Miss Jean Hinds were the speakers. The Film "Magic Fluid" was shown. The possibility of a Blood Bank or Blood donors day was discussed but no date was set. The evening performance was closed by a Silver Tea. \$37.50 went into the Hospital Funds.

Again on Oct. 16th a Silver Tea was held netting \$50.00 for the Hospital Fund. Participants were shown through the Hospital. A shower of vegetables, preserves, jellies, jams and honey was brought in by members, helping to fill the larder for the winter.

We in Arborg are indeed fortunate. Our Hospital is a Red Cross Hospital. The first one of its kind in the Province. A Red Cross Hospital is administered by the Red Cross, i.e. it pays for its upkeep. There is a Local Hospital Board that endeavors to assist in the upkeep of the Hospital, a new Hospital has many needs that the local people can cope with and is very willing to do.

BALDUR NURSING UNIT #16 - Phyllis G. Lockhart

The Hospital Aid of the Baldur Nursing Unit #16 was organized on the 12th of September 1949. The present membership is 34 and our fee is \$1.00 per year. Meetings are held once a month.

One year before construction began, our Hospital Aid Social Committee gathered funds, which on the official opening day, August 9th 1950, totalled \$1,300.00. This money was raised by a series of social events in our Community Hall, teas and catering to a municipal dinner. We have also held one pantry shower and one vegetable and fruit shower from which a generous supply of jams, jelly, fruit and vegetables was received.

The Buying Committee bought - 15 bolts of materials which were used for hospital linens, also bedspreads, pillows, bath towels, diapers, one pair of red wool blankets and all the dishes, glassware, silverware, kitchen utensils including one complete set of Wear-Ever Aluminium.

Special donations to our Aid from other organizations amounted to \$170.00.

Special gifts were as follows - 19 large wool blankets and 3 small wool blankets, one pair of pillows, 2 electric clocks, 2 electric heaters, 1 mixmaster, 1 electric polisher, 1 automatic toaster, 1 electric fan, 1 ironing board, 1 step ladder stool and 1 hall rug.

The public has responded very generously to all requests and we are pleased to report that the hospital is fully furnished.

Respectfully submitted,

Borga Magnusson

Secretary.

BOISSEVAIN, MORTON & MINTO - Mary Davis

The Ladies' Hospital Aid of Boissevain, Morton & Minto Memorial Hospital enjoyed another year of work and good fellowship between town and country groups. Total enrolment is 315.

Money was raised by membership fees consisting of 1 qt. fruit & jam, donations from individuals and organizations, operating a booth, Fall tea, Quilt draw and Easter Ball (\$436.18). The total amount of money raised was \$2,116.90.

The Aid supplies all the linens, and when any of the reserve is put into general use in the hospital, it is replaced. The mending is done voluntarily by members in the hospital.

Purchases for the hospital include 2 armchairs for wards, 5 trays, 1 electric kettle, 1 wardrobe, 3 mirrors, 2 small radios, 2 all steel over-the-bed tables, aluminium tea-pots for the trays and a set of pastel semi-porcelain dishes for the staff.

The Aid donated the necessary amount of money (\$200.00) to complete payment on a new obstetrical operating table, and also rented a Quick-Freeze locker and kept it filled with chickens.

The Aid looks after Christmas decorations and gifts for the patients in the hospital, and a Xmas dinner plus entertainment for the staff was given.

The Hospital Aid co-operated with the Hospital Board on all projects. Our buying is done through the board. We buy locally whenever possible at a discount.

The Aid also co-operated with the Manitoba Nurses Recruitment Committee and Brandon General Hospital in interesting young girls to take up nursing as a profession.

We helped with the Blood Donor Clinic when it came to town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis.

BRANDON - Ethel Johns

We have a membership of 26 active and 40 assoc. members.

We hold one business meeting and 1 sewing meeting each month with an average attendance of 14.

The Snack Bar which we operate is becoming more popular each year and is greatly appreciated.

The past year we have bought drapes for the nurses study room, repaired bedside chair for private wards, 2 rugs for the nurses sitting room and a large refrigerator for the children's hospital wing which has just been completed.

We held a very successful tea on Hospital day in May at the Nurses residence, a Rummage Sale in October which was a great success financially.

3 of our members attended the regional meeting in Souris in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Johns.

FOX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - Mrs. W. Paterson

I beg to submit the following report of the Fox Memorial Hospital Aid, which now has approximately 450 members.

Our financial report for the year shows -

Total receipts \$3,861.67, expenditures \$2,057.31, balance in Bank \$1,804.36.

This amount was realized from teas, draws on fruit cakes, one at Christmas and one in July, serving meals at our two day fair, and membership fees. The different districts, which are part of our Aid contributed in a large way towards realizing the above amount.

Fox Memorial Hospital (Cont'd).

The following articles were purchased during the year -

For Staff dining room - Birdseye Maple Furniture, table linens and drapes.
One Chrome Kitchen table.
Drapes for two staff rooms and sitting room.
One Zone Air tumbler dryer for Laundry.
One six foot Frigidaire.
One filter Queen Vacuum Cleaner.
Furniture for waiting room.

Other items included - Hospital sheeting, unbleached sheeting, Crash towelling, 6 wool crib blankets, two dozen Bunny Blankets, 4 doz. Baby vests.

The Districts and town zones all contributed generously to the pantry showers.

The staff of the hospital were guests of the Aid at a turkey dinner held early in January.

The following hospital supplies were made and tagged.-

24 draw sheets, 1 rubber pillow cover, 6 Doctors' Uniforms, 25 pads, 5 Operating sheets, 66 crash towels, six cot blankets stitched across ends, 2 cot wool blankets made from a donated blanket.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Murray.

CARMAN - Mrs. E. M. Sanders.

In two minutes I will try to submit highlights of our Hospital Aid work at Carman.

First, I might say we have no organized auxiliaries to our Aid, although the various ladies groups in the Hospital district co-operate by taking out articles to be sewn and by making small annual donations.

Hospital mending is taken care of by Aid members who meet at the Hospital two afternoons a month, or more often if necessary.

To date, a small group of town members have preserved 1135 quarts of fruit, vegetables and pickles, 75% of which was offered us from gardens, and it was picked as well as preserved, the preserving always being done in the Hospital kitchen.

Since the opening of our District Hospital last year, which takes care of the people within seven municipalities, we felt it was not right to make too many local appeals for funds, so resolved to appeal to the public only twice during the year, this being through tagging at Carman Fair and our annual Hospital Aid Shower which we hold in October and advertise widely throughout the entire district.

Regarding the purchases of materials required by the Hospital Aid, I might say we passed a resolution that these materials be bought wholesale, and have followed this practise with a few exceptions to the rule. We feel our funds come from a large area, and as an Aid we are duty bound to spend it to the very best advantage.

We have no representative on the Hospital Board hence, only hear from that body when a luncheon is required for a district meeting or something similar. However, they are co-operative when called upon, and recently purchased an extra electric sewing machine for our sewing room.

Our Aid membership totals 33, and although we take care of the requirements of the 43 bed hospital, we are in a strong financial position.

Before closing I would like to pass on a suggestion for making use of the woollen blankets that get shrunken, worn and passed use in the Hospital, and that is having new blankets made from them at the Woollen Mills, so that they might be put back into use again. This we found quite satisfactory during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. M. Sanders - President.

Miss Margaret Burnett - Secretary.

CARTWRIGHT - Mrs. D. A. Davidson

Our hospital at Cartwright was opened for patients the first week in January of this year, and on Dec. 31st 1949 the Aid held a silver tea and pantry shower in the hospital. This brought in \$70.00 in cash, a nice supply of groceries and canned goods as well as many donated articles of equipment for kitchen and wards.

The Aid holds regular monthly meetings of the central organization, with representatives of the ten outlying school districts attending when possible. The representatives of these groups are kept well informed of activities whether they are able to attend or not. A wonderful spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation prevails and much good work is being done. The Aid has a representative on the Hospital Board.

The hospital was so well supplied, at the time of opening, with linens, towels, gowns etc (we had been working a long time ahead) that the sewing committee has had very little to do this year. Besides some small articles, men's pyjamas and 12 bedspreads were supplied. We bought a floor polisher and an electric stove - at a cost of \$348.00 - a Baby Astral refrigerator for the main floor as a step-saver for the staff, an aspirating machine at a cost of \$207.20. We also purchased a few supplies for the kitchen, a desk for the Matron's room, and chiffoniers for the staff rooms, had a table built in the laundry, and supplied paint and had the waiting room, case room and nurse's bathroom painted.

The Lodges and Can. Legion (Cartwright Mather Branch) furnished the wards, the Women's Institute gave bassinets and mattresses for the nursery, and many wonderful donations have been received from other organizations of Cartwright and Mather, business men, country groups and individuals - blankets, easy chairs, wheel chair, lamps, electric clocks, appliances etc. The Wheat Pool donated \$3,000.00 (and just recently placed a plaque on the O.R. door). The Hotel Keepers and Brewers Assoc. gave \$500.00 for laundry equipment, the local branch of Red Cross donated an oxygen tank and plastic tent. The boys of the Junior Seed Club plowed and levelled the grounds free of charge, and it is all ready for trees and grass in the spring. Donations are still being received.

When we write up our meetings for the local paper we make a point of giving the list of articles that have been mentioned at the meeting as being articles that would be nice for our hospital to have, and it is surprising how quickly they arrive at the hospital.

The Aid had volunteer committees to help with canning and pickling. They did about 200 quarts. Many donations of canning fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs and chickens have been received during the year. The local Locker Plant operators have donated the use of a locker.

Our receipts from January to the end of September were \$682.18 but we still have the Fun Fair due Nov. 3rd. Last year we cleared over \$600.00 at the Fun Fair and we are counting heavily on this event. We received \$205.00 in membership fees at \$1.00 each. Other methods of raising money were - teas, dance lunches, sports day meals. One member made a nice big doll and wardrobe, to be raffled, making \$23.60. A few ladies made a quilt and the sale of tickets amounted to \$32.65. We have a mystery box at our meetings. The value of the contents is not over 35¢. Each member pays 10¢ for a draw and the winner supplies the box for the next meeting. The travelling apron sometimes contains between \$6 and \$7 when it returns to a meeting. One of the country groups has a travelling produce basket to raise money for the hospital. All our ventures are well supported by town and community.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Wallace.
Secretary.

CRYSTAL CITY - Esther Lynes

Our Hospital Aid has an active membership of 17. Each member represents an organization at Crystal City, Clearwater and districts. This member attends hospital meetings and takes a report to the next group meeting to which she belongs. There she solicits help and co-operation.

We have no fee but last year each of the organizations was asked to make a cash donation to the Hospital Aid.

The larger organizations have one special project each year for the hospital. The Womens Institute at Clearwater and Crystal City hold an annual pantry show. The group at Rosebud have an annual Tea. The O.E.S. sponsors an annual Tag Day.

The Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion and the Rebekah Chapter furnished and maintain separate wards in the hospital.

The Hospital Aid raises money in different ways throughout the year. It serves meals and lunches on many occasions besides having an annual St. Patricks Tea and sale of anything saleable. It looks after the sewing; the members of the United Church W.A. do the mending.

The president of the Aid is a member of the Hospital Board, two or more of the Aid members act as hospital representatives at the Board meetings. In January the Aid sponsored one entry to the Essay writing contest.

We assisted the Nurse's Recruitment Committee in May when they visited our District in this campaign for nurses.

The total amount of money made in 1949 was \$794.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Lynes.

ANNIE A. BOND GUILD OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Mrs. G. F. D. Bond.

The Annie A. Bond Guild has carried on through Winnipeg's difficult flood year, in which our Hospital suffered along with so many others. Our membership is approx. 25. We sew regularly for the Infant's Ward, according to their requirements, and turn in several hundred articles yearly.

We had a Snack Bar in April, at the Home Builders Show in the Auditorium, which entailed a full weeks work.

Our Members helped as a unit with flood work in May, and in the ensuing weeks with sorting and marking clothing and staples for flood sufferers.

The Annie A. Bond Guild of the Childrens Hospital was pleased to give our annual scholarship of \$50.00 in a bill fold, to one of the graduating nurses.

We made a small amount of money by being responsible for a number of people attending Pittsburg Paint Company Lectures on "Color Dynamics", held in the Hudson's Bay Store. We sold Christmas cards last year and cleared on them almost enough to replace an electro surgical machine at a cost of \$764.50. Dr. Grant told us that the new machine saved a child's life the first week of its use.

During the year we donated four cribs, a baby tenda and two nurses desks, this equipment at a cost of \$564.00. We have also ear-marked \$800.00 to be paid into the newly formed Hospital Equipment Fund, to be used for necessary replacements.

We are in process of establishing a Remembrance Fund for the Hospital. The idea is that instead of sending flowers to bereaved persons, the money be sent to the Hospital Remembrance Fund, and a card sent to the bereaved family saying that a contribution had been made to the Hospital, by so and so, in affectionate memory of the deceased, and that the money would be used for the furtherance of work for sick children. We hope the Fund will be used also to remember anniversaries, and for sick people already receiving too many flowers, and we have an attractive "Get Well" card to take care of this. In each case an acknowledgment will be sent to the donor. We feel that those wishing to send flowers will continue to do so but think we can pick up a little by the wayside. We hope that, as the Fund becomes more widely known, it will prove a real source of revenue for the Hospital.

Annie A. Bond Guild(Cont'd)

We have representation on the Hospital Board.

We have an attractive Christmas card for sale this year - an original drawing which has been lithographed on a red background. We think it is good value at 10 for \$1.00. If anyone is interested we have some for sale today.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. F. D. Bond.

ST. AGNES GUILD OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Mrs. H. A. Greeniaus.

The St. Agnes Guild of the Children's Hospital works toward the maintenance of the hospital. We also give a \$600.00 scholarship to a graduate nurse for further study and pay \$1,200.00 a year to supplement the salary of a research worker. Last year we were able to give over \$5,000.00 to the hospital.

Our main project is the Tea room concession at the Polo Park Race Meet. This takes place each Spring and Autumn for fourteen days. Ten members make up a team and work for two days at each meet. We make the sandwich fillings, make the sandwiches, serve tea, coffee, soft drinks, fruit cake and doughnuts, then leave everything in order for the next day. This means a great deal of work but well worth while when so much money is made.

We also have a Rummage sale, sell book matches all the year round and have a coffee and tea party. Last year for the first time, we sold Christmas cards and made \$1,000.00.

Instead of having two parties this year, we had one mammoth day on October 13th, beginning at 11:00 o'clock with our coffee party and serving tea from 3:00 o'clock. At this affair we sold home cooking, marmalade, Christmas cakes and puddings, aprons, knitted goods; raffled a Christmas cake, Christmas stocking, needle-point for a fire bench and a radio. We also took orders for Christmas puddings and cakes to be made later. When all money is in, we expect to make over \$1,200.00.

There are some eighty-five members in the Guild and all good workers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) Grace Gourley.

ST. AGNES GUILD, Jr. - Dulcie Leydon.

The children at the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg, were once again entertained at our annual Christmas and Easter Parties.

A cheque for \$400.00 was sent to the hospital to assist in furnishing the parents' Waiting Room.

Our Valentine Tea held in the Georgian Room of the Hudsons Bay Company Store, netted a return of \$260.00. Rummage sales held in the fall and spring were also successful in raising funds.

Two members of the Junior St. Agnes Guild were present at the Clubhouse each day of the Polo Park Race Meets to help the St. Agnes Guild in operating their refreshment concession, and for our assistance we were given a grant of \$100.00.

At our last meeting, it was decided that we donate the sum of \$600.00 to the Children's Hospital to be used for the purchase of needed equipment, and a cheque for this amount is being forwarded this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Dulcie Leydon.

ST. JOHNS GUILD OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Mrs. Wm. Verschoot.

During the year, eight business and eight social meetings were held, with an average attendance of twenty of a membership of thirty-four.

We hold two Silver Teas annually, the Easter Penny Bag Tea, and the Autumn Tea, and sale of work at the Hudsons' Bay.

We also sponsored a display of work by the teachers and pupils of the Norwood Handicraft Guild.

At the City of Winnipeg's Anniversary Party, we sold souvenir programmes.

Other money-making efforts were: talent money; making monograms for the nurses' uniforms; and lawyer's tabs.

We provided the Hospital with a new Washer Sterilizer, a Croup Tent, \$300.00 toward the Building Fund, and the usual dresses, sweaters and hair bows for the convalescent patients.

We presented the Annual Scholarship award of \$50.00 to a first year Student nurse; and at the graduating exercises, each member of the graduating class was presented with a Hypodermic set.

At the present time, our membership numbers forty-two.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel E. Williams,
Delegate.

LIEUTENANT MELVILLE WOOD GUILD OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Mrs. W. J. Hunter.

The Lt. Melville Wood Guild is one of the smaller Guilds of the Children's Hospital, with an active membership of twenty-two.

Our money raising activities so far this year have been: selling advertising in the Barber Shop Quartette Society Program, which netted \$1,431.60; distributing tickets for Pittsburg Paint Company lectures - \$15.00; a food bar in the Auditorium during the House Builders Exhibition - \$366.00; Annual Fall Tea at the home of Mrs. Otchapaw - \$650.00; a total of \$2,462.60 to date.

Projects for the balance of the year are: making dolls clothes and dressing dolls for Christmas delivery; also Rummage Sale on October 28th.

Our contributions to the Hospital this year have been: an Autoclave, costing approximately \$1,800.00, the annual prize of \$50.00 to an undergraduate nurse, and 200.00 to the Building Fund.

We have a representative on the Hospital Board.

McKINNON GUILD OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Mrs. D. G. McKellar.

This has been an exciting and successful year in our work for the Children's Hospital. We have, for business and other reasons, given up our twenty-one year old project, collection, sorting and selling lead and tinfoil. We have also temporarily closed our beloved Trading Post Barter Shop.

The McKinnon Guild's exciting, new and profitable project was the pre-sale of tickets for the House Builders Show and Exhibition House. Mrs. A. M. Oswald was con- enor of ticket sales and her outstanding leadership resulted in the sale of 19,584 tickets and in June we proudly presented the Hospital with a cheque for \$1,855.90 from the sale of these tickets.

We operated a Cinderella Booth at the House Builders Show as well. This attractive booth was installed, decorated and supplied with candy, popcorn, nuts, etc. by the Nutty Club - Scott Bathgates.

Our annual Spring Bonnet Tea and Raffle at Beaver Hall netted us the sum of approximately \$1,400.00. (The day before the last Bay Tea the flood conditions became appalling.

Our annual Rummage Sale - held October 5th - netted us \$434.20.

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So much for our united effort as a Guild. Now may I add that Mrs. Ernest F. Hutchings, an Honorary Member of our Guild has grown and sold African Violet plants realizing the sum of \$73.00.

In November we intend to operate a McKinnon Guild Snack Bar at the Retail Merchants Show in the Civic Auditorium.

As a Guild we are enthusiastically looking forward to volunteer service in the proposed Food Bar to be installed in the Children's Hospital in the near future.

Since having sponsored the training in St. Louis of Miss Marjorie Snell as Orthoptic Technician, we are truly looking forward to the advancement of the Eye Clinic - our special interest for the Hospital.

Today, McKinnon Guild Members are all on the "look out" for a new money making, and, if possible, regular project for our Hospital Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella F. McKellar.

DAUPHIN - Mrs. A. D. McKee.

The year 1949 - 1950 has been quite a successful year for the Dauphin Womens' Hospital Aid.

Of our Membership of 60 ladies there are approximately 30 active members. Our monthly meetings consisting of a business period and a social hour are held in the homes of various members. Our Membership fees are \$1.00, and we collect ten cents at each meeting for our tea.

We are exceedingly proud of our well equipped Hospital and make every effort to keep it up to date in all departments.

We have purchased for the hospital a potato peeler, a slicer and an operating room lamp. We have also added two new sewing machines costing \$234.00, and a Public Address System at \$115.70. We have purchased complete modern hospital furnishings for a three bed semi-private ward. This furniture with an appropriate plaque for the floor, is costing our Aid approximately \$1,000.00.

We have quite a nice bank balance and when we have our new nurses' residence built we will be ready to make it as pleasant and comfortable as we can.

Our members assist at the many functions held during the Nurses' Graduation week, and the Aid present each Graduate with a hypodermic set. At Xmas we provide \$15.00 for Xmas Cheer.

The organization also worked on the Essay Contest, and co-operated as much as we were able to with the Nurses Recruitment Project.

Besides our fees and tea money, our funds are raised by an Annual Spring Tea and Sale of Work which netted us \$570.00, and Tag Day held during the Summer Fair which brought in \$338.23.

We are looking forward to 1950 - 1951 with high hopes for a bigger and better year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Paul,
Vice Pres.

GRACE HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILIARY - Mrs. Barton.

We meet the first Wednesday in each month. At our meetings we mark linens and make wipes. Discussions take place regarding our project. Our present one is the Formula Sterilizer for the Nursery.

This is a two year project. Last year we gave the hospital a cheque for \$700.00 and we hope to complete the purchase this year.

To raise this money we had a successful rummage sale and are now preparing for our Fall Tea and Sale.

Grace Hospital Ladies Auxiliary (Cont'd)

Our ladies are kept busy in the Homeside. Each girl is visited and given a dose. We also assist at the Hospitals Baby Day Tag day.

The ladies are proud to be of service to the hospital and we all feel that the things we accomplish and do are because of the splendid leadership and guidance we have in having as our president Mrs. H. Barton, whose service and untiring efforts are an inspiration to us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanore Cotter.

AMIOTA - Mrs. E. D. Hudson.

This year our main project was toward the new Hospital.

A Society to be known as the Hamiota Hospital District Ladies Aide No. 7.A, with Mrs James Killoh as President was formed in March. This Society has been meeting every month. Representatives from each District are members and have undertaken to supply all the linens, cooking utensils and other necessities.

Hamiota Hospital Ladies Aide are still keeping the Old Hospital in necessary supplies until the new one is opened.

This year they raised \$500.00 to furnish a ward, and Scotia one of our Districts, raised \$500.00 also.

The other Districts are also contributing their share.

KILLARNEY - Mrs. W. Brown.

The Killarney W.H.A. has a paid up membership of ninety-seven, meet once a month with a fair attendance.

Linen, rubber sheeting, hot water bottles, electric heating pad and some china were provided for the Hospital. Also a Sunbeam Mix-Master, and aid for flood victims.

The nurses' rooms were made more comfortable and home-like by the addition of new curtains, cushions, pictures etc. In all \$542.00 was spent.

\$927.27 was raised by fees, collections at meetings, banquets, teas, lunches served, tag day, raffles, concert, and donations from neighboring districts.

A splendid Pantry Shower is held each Fall, when a generous supply of canned vegetables, juices, fruit, pickles, jams and jellies is received.

The sewing committee attends to all meetings at the hospital, as well as making new linens.

The patients are visited regularly by an active group of ladies.

Three scholarships of \$50.00 each have been offered to girls of the District who enter Brandon Hospital to train as nurses.

We have not a representative on the Hospital Board.

A gift is given to the first baby born in the hospital each year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Kent,

Secretary.

McCREARY - Mrs. A. Fletcher.

The McCreary Hospital Aid was organized in February 1950, meetings being held on the second Wednesday of every month.

We now have a Membership of 85, fees being 50¢.

Our Hospital is an 8 bed Hospital, equipped with X Ray, Operating Room, Case room.

We raised our money in various ways, such as Teas, Dances, Tag Day, Draw on dishes and catering to Ice Carnival. The sum of \$700.00 being made. Some of this was spent on Kitchen equipment, Dishes, Cutlery, also Blankets, Vases and Linen,

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Dressing table for the O.R., Baby Scales, Pyjamas and Dressing Gowns, Heating Pad.

A Silver Spoon was also given to the first baby born in Hospital, with name engraved.

We have also planned to hold a Tea and Shower of pickles, fruit and vegetables on November 1st.

We are pleased to report our hospital is doing real well.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Gamble.

MANITOU - Mrs. D. L. Cameron.

Brief report as Manitou Hospital Aid is just in formation state.

We organized 12th Sept. 1950. Had the pleasure and honour of Mrs. George chairing our organization meeting.

We will hold monthly meetings.

To date we have 31 members.

Our objective date for completion of our 6 bed hospital is Dec. 15th, but that is not too definite.

All committees well formed.

Our only effort up to now has been a Tag Day proceeds \$185.00.

D. L. Cameron,
President

W. A. Pommer,
Secretary.

MINNEDOSA - Mrs. C. Green.

I take pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the Women's Hospital Aid Association of District No. 8 at Minnedosa. Our Hospital Aid has had a very busy and interesting year since the annual meeting here in 1949.

As we told you then, a new twenty-six (26) bed hospital was under construction in the town of Minnedosa for the No. 8 Hospital Area, which includes the towns of Rapid City, Basswood, Newdale, Bethany and Clanwilliam; and the Municipalities of Odanah, Minto, Saskatchewan and part of Harrison. For over twenty-five (25) years the Minnedosa Hospital Aid, with the help of Aids at Bethany and Clanwilliam had ministered to the requirements of Lady Minto Hospital. At the request of the Hospital Board the Minnedosa Aid undertook during the summer of 1949 to visit and organize Hospital Aids in the various communities of our No. 8 area. As it was the holiday season this task fell on the shoulders of a small group of our members, but the thoroughness of their work was manifest when in September over seventy (70) ladies were present at a general organization meeting in the Legion Hall at Minnedosa. Here a Central Buying Committee was formed and instructed to start purchasing linens, such as sheeting and pillow casing for the new Hospital. While this committee hunted for materials, which were in short supply at the time, the rest of the members began their own planning of how to raise the money to pay for all that seemed to be needed. A start had been made; and we as a Hospital Aid were launched on a history making venture, which has proven to be one of interesting, profitable and pleasant associations.

From a small beginning we have grown until our membership now stands well over the nine hundred (900) mark for our sixteen (16) aids which comprise our Association. (We feel this is somewhat of a record!) By the end of November over Two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars had been raised, and considerable sewing completed and returned. Our buying has been done locally throughout our district, whenever possible, the merchants in each town being given a share.

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Early in December we elected a slate of officers for 1950, a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one representative from each rural aid, to form an Executive council. In addition two (2) buying committees were named, one for linens, the other for cutlery, dishes, etc. The task before these two committees was a very great one, requiring much thought and planning, as they were responsible for the purchasing of all linens, cutlery, dishes, kitchenware etc., for the patients, also for the nurses and staff.

The newly formed Rural Aids were most enthusiastic, and many ways of raising money were reported during the year. Teas, bake sales, bonspiels, card parties, hot dog stands at picnics, hobo teas, picture shows and raffles, box socials, membership drives, tag days and travelling aprons to mention a few.

The Hospital Board approached our ladies to help with planning color schemes for the wards and rooms at the Hospital; also the choice of suitable drapes throughout. (This was just in our line.)

As each month of the new year passed the "Big Day" to which we were looking forward was fast approaching. The opening of the New Hospital was finally set for April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. The aid members now found themselves confronted with a new problem. This a very pleasant one, as it was to receive and entertain the guests and visitors at our opening. But first we must get our Hospital in readiness! The new bed linens must be laundered and ironed before making up all the twenty-six beds and ten bassinets. This the members did in the new modern hospital laundry, equipped with electric washer, extractor, drier, and large ironer. Everything was thoroughly mopped, dusted and polished on the day previous to the opening.

The Minnedosa Aid supplied and served the complimentary tea on the Friday; while the Rural Aids took over for Saturday and Sunday. Approximately three thousand three hundred persons visited the hospital during the opening days and signed our Guest Book. On the Monday the school children were given a chance to view the building under the guidance of their teachers and some Aid members.

The Pantry Shower held in conjunction with the opening brought a wealth of preserves, canned goods and vegetables valued at over three hundred and fifty (\$50.00) dollars, as well as over three hundred (\$300.00) dollars in cash. This undertaking was under the convenorship of Mrs. R. Brandon, of the Clanwilliam Aid.

The members also acted as guides during the opening days, explaining the use of the various rooms and equipment to the visitors.

In May we had the honor of being chosen to represent Minnedosa on the Ogilvie Flour Mills "Town of the Week" Broadcast. Our President, Mrs. C. Green very ably represented our Aid on this broadcast, and we received a cheque for one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

Also in May during the Red River flood the Hospital was host to twenty-one (21) evacuees from a Winnipeg Hospital. This placed extra work on the staff and kitchen help, so we formed a "Dishwashing Brigade". Some fifty ladies took shifts helping to wash dishes, thus relieving the kitchen help of some of the extra work.

Mending is done twice a month, or oftener if necessary, and is convened by our Vice Presidents. During summer months and while roads permit four ladies from a Rural Aid come to the Hospital each mending day, and with a town member, as supervisor, keep the linens in repair. We have three sewing machines, one of which is electric. Each Rural Aid is responsible for one month's mending, and these get-togethers are proving to be real sociable get-acquainted sessions.

We have assisted the Aids at Erickson and Hamiota with patterns and the amounts of linens etc. purchased, to help them in providing the needs of their new hospitals.

A Constitution is being worked out to suit our individual need, and we hope to have it ready for reading at our first Annual Meeting to be held in November. Beside the monthly meeting of each Aid, we plan to hold four District meetings yearly.

Our Buying Committees are given authority to fill any needs during the summer, and we endeavor to take July and August as holidays, (except the mending groups.)

Since forming our No. 8 Aid we have raised over Five thousand five hundred

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(\$5,500.00) dollars, and spent slightly over Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars. Of this amount Two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars was for linens etc., and one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars for cutlery, dishes etc. We purchased Revere ware for kitchen, and also supplied plate glass tops for all dressers and bedside tables in the wards, and for dressers in nurses quarters from the above amounts.

As a large Hospital Aid functioning in our area, we would like to have a representative on our Hospital Board, and also have representation on the Manitoba Hospital Aid Association Executive Council.

We would like to thank Mrs. J. M. George for attending our Hospital Opening, and addressing us. To our linen and cutlery committees, with their convenors, Mrs. J. A. Burgess and Mrs. R. Wood respectively, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for their splendid work, and to our very capable President, Mrs. C. Green, whose foresight, interest and untiring energy has been an inspiration to us all a much deserved "Thank You".

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Gordon.

MORDEN - Mrs. W. M. Rice.

The hopes and dreams of a new Hospital in Morden this year were not realized.

Due to some difficulties we only progressed as far as plans being drawn up and the new site being purchased.

Therefore we have left many things at the nurses home and hospital undone, thinking it would be in the near future that we could install many niceties and conveniences in the new one. We have high hope that 1951 will see us with a new hospital.

This year we bought and completed 979 articles of sewing for the hospital and purchased four doz. pieces of cutlery.

During the past year a new chesterfield and chair were bought for the nurses home. Also six inner spring mattresses on beds not already equipped.

A warming oven was installed over the stove for the convenience of the cook.

Our Social Committee were busy during the first half of 1950, serving lunch for the Annual Hospital Board meeting, a social night for Hospital Staff, Board members and their husbands, and a very enjoyable time was had with the showing of three short films.

A light supper was served when the Regional Board met in Morden.

The schools responded very well to our "Thanksgiving" offering and a large quantity of jams, vegetable and other produce were brought to our hospital.

The "Nurses Recruitment" program was very well received and a record turnout was had.

Our major projects for the year were:-

- 1 - Serving lunch at the Bonspiel.
- 2 - Bingo Booth on July 1st.
- 3 - Fun Fair.

All three undertakings were successful and our balance in the bank will enable us to fulfill another year's work and requirements.

Thank you,

Mrs. W. M. Rice,
President.

Mrs. Leana Colbert,
Secretary.

EEPAWA - M. S. R. Howden.

A Membership Drive was held in March, resulting in 231 members with 54 donations. In April we held a Violet Tag Day which realized \$341.94.

Our Fall project 1949, our Hope Chest Drive realized \$945.75. We paid out 710.40 in 1949 for new linens.

Our bank balance Oct. 1st 1950 was \$914.38.

Bonds in safe keeping \$550.00.

We have a representative on our Hospital Board.

At the present time we are very busy endeavoring to raise funds for our new hospital which is under construction.

During the summer we organized the rural school districts, within the Hospital district No. 9. These districts are now affiliated with our town organization, and we find the ladies are very enthusiastic and have sent representatives to our meetings. In fact our meetings have become so large it is no longer possible to hold them in a private home.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret S. R. Howden,
(Vice-Chairman).

PILOT MOUND - Mrs. Sara Schultz.

The Pilot Mound Hospital Aid was organized Aug. 22nd 1950, and is therefore only 2 months old.

At the present time we have 155 members. Our annual fee is \$1.00 and Life membership fee is \$25.00. We have 2 life members.

To date we have raised \$645.54. This is the accumulated result of membership fees, Tag Day, Teas and donations. A group of people arranged a Hundred Dollar Pool in the last game of the World's Series, with the understanding that the winner should keep half and the other \$50.00 was given to the Hospital Aid.

Our Finance Convenor has arranged to put on a three act play for 3 nights next week. This, we know, will increase our funds considerably.

We have bought quantities of linen, blankets and kitchen equipment for the hospital, and donations of towels and other supplies have been received.

We expect to have a shower of vegetables, and canned goods before the Hospital opens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Schultz,
President.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH GUILD - Mrs. J. W. Ellinthorpe.

This is the third time that our guild has been represented at the Manitoba Hospital Aids Association Meeting. We have yet to work in our new hospital. As you all know, nature intervened, not once, but twice. Just as we thought the building was ready to admit patients in September, we had a hurricane, that forced about 4 inches of water into the basement, and drying it out again has been a major problem. Now, we are told that the hospital will be ready by the beginning of the new year.

We have 88 paid up members, and 30 Honorary members. - Fee \$1.00 per year.

Our bank balance is \$681.00.

We have had 219 Afghans, 9 bed jackets, and 1 pair of bed socks donated, which were displayed for us in the Hudson Bay Company during March, and once again, many thanks to the rural members, who contributed so greatly to this project.

187 Vases and two dozen rose bowls have been donated.

We have collected approximately 500 books for our library, but owing to lack of storage space we are requesting donors to hold any books they may have for us,

Princess Elizabeth Guild (Cont'd)

till our library is ready, which should be some time in November.

The Guild has purchased two library carts, at \$65.00 each. We hope to have a travelling gift cart, similar to that which the White Cross Guild have found so successful to operate.

Flowers were placed in every ward of the King Edward Hospital, to welcome the patients back, when they returned after being evacuated.

Our main project this year, was the silver tea, held on the Official opening day of the hospital, which was open to the public, afternoon and evening. We prepared for 1500 guests, and by four o'clock that afternoon, we were unable to cope with crowd, and had to call a Guard to direct traffic. At this point, we were quite confident that we would be able to retire from the money-making field, however, when the smoke of battle died down, we had raised the sum of \$548.70.

I have been asked, on behalf of our Guild, to extend to every member of the Manitoba Hospital Aid Association, a very cordial invitation to tour The Princess Elizabeth Hospital next year during the Annual Meeting, and to have a cup of tea with us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Ormiston,
Corresponding Secretary.

ROSSBURN & DISTRICT - Mrs. J. G. Stitt.

We organized our Hospital Aid last Nov. 30th and now have a membership of seventy, the fee being 50 cents.

Last month (Sept.) we opened our new 12 bed hospital, and have bought some of the most needed equipment - including operating table, staff dining and living room furniture, blinds, drapes and light fixtures for the whole building, bath mat and shower curtains, baby scale and some instruments, besides all necessary linens. The mending is also done regularly.

Our Aid has raised \$1290.98 in the ten months by various ways, such as bingo, card tournament, amateur evening, tag days, dances, Sat. nite teas, bonspiel and serving lunch at the curling rink during bonspiel.

A splendid Pantry Shower was held in October, and a generous supply of vegetables, fruit, soup, soap, etc. etc.

This next year we are hoping to organize Hospital aids in the surrounding school districts. They will work in conjunction with the Central Aid.

We have two members to represent us at the Hospital Board meetings.

ROBLIN & DISTRICT - Mrs. F. McDuffy.

Our Hospital Aid was organized Sept. 28th 1949 with Mrs. George as Guest Speaker. We have held eleven regular meetings since then, and have a membership of 82. The district organizations are very well represented and have done a good deal of work through the year for the hospital.

The Aid obligated itself to buy and maintain all linens for the hospital. To date we have supplied 2050 articles.

We had \$1811.02 when our Aid was organized, and through the year have made \$1434.25 by various methods. We have a five cent draw at each meeting which brought us \$10.65. Our Robbie Burns Tea in January at which the men very ably assisted, cleared \$67.43. Our Rummage Sale and Tea in June was quite a success, and we made \$119.55 at it. Mrs. Dayson donated a comforter which was raffled and cleared \$77.90. At the Saturday night canteen \$455.42 was realized by it being open 12 nights. We served tea to about 900 people at the opening of the Hospital on July 19th and received \$153.10 at this.

Old wool was collected and sent to Fairfield's to be made into blankets. We received 16 blankets for our wool and these were turned over to the hospital.

Organizations in the town and District donated articles to be given to the

Roblin & District (Cont'd)

First girl and boy born in our hospital. These were placed in nicely decorated baskets and each one contained: 1 baby blanket, 1 vest, 1 dress, 1 pair towels, 6 bottles and sterilizer, 1 diaper bag, Tidy chair cover, 1 brush and comb set, 1 bar soap, 1 baby book, 1 pair sleepers, 1 silver spoon, 1 silver mug, 1 knife, fork and spoon set, 1 baby plate.

One of these baskets was won by a baby who wouldn't wait for the hospital opening, but was born at 5 o'clock that morning. The other recipient was born the morning following the opening.

Our Foods Committee was busy the whole year and did much towards making the hospital pantry an attractive and well stocked room. They arranged a pantry shower at which groceries amounting to \$155.37 were donated. These included cereals, pudding and jelly powders, flavorings and spices, honey, fruit juices, canned soups, baking powder, salt & pepper, soap, starch and bluing, canned fruits and vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate drinks, and prunes. This committee also arranged for different organizations to can fruit which was bought by the hospital board. Approximately 600 jars were canned. The October roll call was answered by presentation of a jar of jelly or jam, and about 50 jars were received.

Our expenses for the year amounted to \$2033.58, and we have on hand now \$1211.69.

SELKIRK - Catherine D. Mackay.

This report will include the six aids in connection with the Selkirk General Hospital.

The Ada J. Ross Aid raised funds by their monthly dues and the Fall collections in the district. They donated \$150.00 towards the anesthetic machine presented to the hospital, and bought new drapes for their ward in the hospital. Five dollar donations were made to The Selkirk War Memorial Fund and the Winnipeg Flood Relief Fund. The members of the Aid also canvassed the district for funds for the Red Cross.

The St. Andrews Aid held 7 meetings with an average attendance of 7. Their funds are raised by an annual Tea and Shower and voluntary giving at their meetings. A ward is maintained at the hospital and this year 2 mattresses and slip covers for the chairs were purchased by them. Red Cross work is also done by this group and this year they made 2 quilts as well as canvassing the district for funds.

The Junior Hospital Aid provides supplies and equipment for the nursery and pediatric wards and also other items for the hospital. There are 30 active members in this aid. Last year they sponsored five projects. The annual dance, sale of home cooking, rummage sale and parcel post tea, and also placed 30 penny jars in the local stores. The proceeds from this amounted to \$350.00. The purchases for the year included blankets, clothing, sheets etc. for the ward, and 3 inner spring mattresses for the maternity ward. A donation of \$200.00 was made towards the anesthetic machine, and \$25.00 made to the Flood Relief Fund.

The Petersfield Aid has 27 members with an average attendance of 16. A whist drive, dance, raffle and tea were held to raise their funds. Purchases made for the hospital were, 8 woollen blankets, 5 chenille dressing gowns, 5 doz. face cloths, 4 doz. pillow cases, 10 pairs menspyjamas and 3 mens bath robes. Ten dollars was donated to the Flood Relief. Members of this Aid also canvassed the community for funds for the Red Cross and obtained \$532.00 as well as soap they collected for the organization.

The Clandeboye Aid reports a busy year. The principle money making scheme was the staging of a 3 act play, then a silver tea was held in May.

The flowers were donated for a Flower Service held in the Wakefield Church in September. This service was well attended and very much enjoyed.

A pantry shower and silver Tea is planned for October 24th. Among the articles purchased for the hospital are mattresses for the maternity ward, blankets, slippers, pyjamas and a light and also fruit for the public wards. Pillow cases, table covers and draw sheets were made by the members.

The chief project for the Selkirk Auxiliary for this year, with the help of the other aids was the purchasing of the anesthetic machine at the cost of \$1,000.00

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Money was raised by the annual Valentine Tea, Easter Ball and Fall shower and Garden Party. This years special attractions were added for the children at the Garden Party including pony rides, fish pond and grab bags, there was also a flower sale. We purchased \$250.00 worth of sheets, towels, mattress covers and draw sheets, also a tri-light and hot plate for the nurses home. We also sponsor a show case of baby garments for sale at the hospital. The Selkirk hospital aids have no representative on the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine D. Mackay.
Selkirk Auxiliary.

SHOAL LAKE - Mrs. W. Badger.

Shoal Lake hospital aid had a very successful year. We have three main projects annually, a tea and raffle in January, Hospital Day (held in June this year because of evacuees in our hospital, and a Tag Day in July.

These were all very successful and the communitie's willing response to any call for donations for help make our Aid seem very worth while.

We purchased waterproof nylon and had 5 mattress covers made by a paid seamstress who also does our hospital mending. Plastic pillow covers were made by a group of members and are very satisfactory and easy to keep clean.

A new mattress, spring filled, supplied.

Over \$300.00 was spent on linens, and the staff dining room re-decorated.

An electric iron, toaster, kettle and floor polisher were purchased for the staff, also three lawn chairs.

We have 30 members who are active and many others on whom we can call at any time.

We intend to furnish the nurses quarters when our new Hospital Unit is built.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivy Beamish,
Secretary.

SWAN RIVER - Mrs. P. J. McKay.

The Swan River Valley Ladies Hospital Aid organized April 26th 1949, and comprised of twenty-one districts, with a total membership of 663, had a busy year prior to the opening of the new Hospital on May 24th 1950.

It was also a year of happy associations and a general feeling of satisfaction over a worth-while achievement.

A total of \$10,601.00 was raised during the year to furnish and equip the Hospital. This was realized by combined efforts of all locals in serving five public dinners, an Auction Sale, bake table and tea, and a Variety Concert, Raffle and Old-time Frolic, as well as innumerable smaller projects sponsored by the different groups.

Old woollens were collected, sent to Fairfield's and ninety nine new blankets in all returned.

Twelve dozen flour sacks were donated by country members and one hundred from a local bakery. These were bleached, hemmed and initialled for Hospital tea towels.

Goose-feathers for 38 pillows were donated by one member, and made up by her as well, with ticking supplied by the Aid.

Enough linens have been purchased for present requirements and considerable sewing done by the members.

The response to a Pantry Shower proved most gratifying. Besides country donations a house to house canvass was held in town.

A shower of baby gifts was held before the opening of the Hospital, and a daintily wrapped parcel put in each of the twelve bassinets for the first occupant.

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A silver mug and many other presents were given the first baby.

A Silver Tea was arranged both afternoon and evening at the opening of the Hospital, and the sum of \$562.00 realized.

Membership fee is set at \$1.00 per year, and a meeting of the Central Executive held once a month.

We have a representative on the Hospital Board.

STEINBACH - Mrs. J. I. Friesen.

The new wing of our hospital was officially opened last October, at which time our Aid served tea to all visitors.

In February Steinbach was chosen as the "Town of the week" on the Ogilvie Kate Aikens program because our Aid had been recommended as one of the most active and commendable organizations in this community. On the day of the broadcast the committee gathered in the dining room of the hospital for the program and were at the same time presented with a cheque for \$100.00 and 20 flour sacks by 2 officials of the Ogilvie Flour Mills, in recognition of our work.

In August we had a tea in conjunction with the Horticultural Show, which netted us \$80.00.

We do the mending every week by seven groups taking turns.

During the year we have furnished the nurses' sitting room with 2 chesterfields, several chairs, 2 tables, trilight, drapes and picture, paid for a blood-testing machine called a Colori-meter, photo Electric, a China Cabinet for the dining room, a refrigerator for the nursery, besides the linens and bedding. Helped with canning.

We helped arrange the Nurse Recruitment meeting in school in June.

Paid outs in 1950 \$1840.63.

1359 articles made.

Our Aid does not have a member on the hospital board, but when we have special requests we are welcome to come to their meeting and discuss our problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Simon Reiger,
Sec. Treas.

Mrs. J. I. Friesen,
President.

VIRDEN - Mrs. D. J. Reid.

Virden Hospital Aid Association serves Virden Hospital by raising funds to supply the general wards, nurses' quarters, kitchen and dining room with linens, dishes and numerous other necessary items. We have 2 members who also serve on the Hospital Board.

We do some house decorating and some furnishing in these areas also.

Our Baby department is looked after in regard to linens and considerable equipment by the Lionells. Private wards are equipped by Masons, Oddfellows and other organizations.

We give Xmas Cheer by way of turkey for dinners, gifts, and our choirs have given Xmas Carols and Hymns.

We have raised funds by Tag Days Spring and Fall, Teas, Collection in the spring of membership fees from all the town ladies. In the fall the merchants are called on for contributions in cash.

The mending is systematically done under the convenorship of our group. We have all sheets and pillow cases sewn voluntarily.

We have a paid sewer, who makes gowns and any other more intricate form of sewing.

There have been generous donations of fruit and vegetables by the Virden

Public School children.

We are preparing linens etc in more quantity lately for our new hospital in the offing.

Our President this year is Mrs. Wm. McDonald, Rec. Sec. Mrs. D. J. Reid.

Given by

Gertrude M. Reid,
Rec. Sec.

WHITEMOUTH & DISTRICT - Mrs. A. S. Williams.

Since this district covers a large area, our Aid has been divided into four Guilds. These Guilds carry out their own projects and the Aid acts as an Advisory and Governing Body.

We have raised approximately \$3,500.00 this past year. This amount has served to furnish completely two wards, the nursery, dining room, waiting room, doctor's office, the kitchen and the laundry; as well as adequate linen and surgical supplies, venetian blinds and drapes for all the windows of our new ten bed hospital.

During August and September of this year, the Seven Sisters Falls Hospital Guild raised over \$400.00 from catering to four parties of Winnipeg, sponsored by the Winnipeg Electric Co.

The Whitemouth Guild has selected twelve "leaders". Each leader with her four chosen helpers has pledged to take her turn in sponsoring a monthly project. In this way it is felt that the Guild would be constantly active throughout the year.

Various other projects such as teas and home cooking sales, tag days, suppers, raffles, bazaars, monthly whist drives, dances, guessing contests and three act plays were sponsored to raise this fund.

WHITE CROSS GUILD OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL - Mrs. Gordon Konantz.

120 Regular Volunteers work in the Hospital during the week, not including group members making surgical dressings.

67 assist on the wards.

3 " " the out-patients department.

6 " " Physiotherapy.

18 " " Library.

10 " " the Shop.

16 do evening ward duty.

5 groups make surgical dressings - Approximately 75 members.

3 groups assist with the sewing.

1 large group knit and sew for the travelling shop.

120 assisted in guiding during the four days the new Maternity Pavilion was open to the Public.

"The Humpty Dumpty Club"

Membership of 60 of school and University students.

They gave the Hospital a gift of \$500.00.

Volunteers work on the children's ward on Saturdays.

During the flood the Guild assisted with inoculations against Typhoid. For the three weeks volunteers registered men, women and children from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Twenty volunteers were used a day. Some came regularly 7 days a week. 69 volunteers were used for this work.

White Cross Guild Report (Cont'd).

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Jam and Pickle shower in November. This was primarily a "get together" for the volunteers--300 jars of jam were realised.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Favors were made for all trays throughout the Hospital.

RAG DRIVE.

In conjunction with the Patriotic Salvage Corps a Rag Drive throughout the city was held during the Easter holidays. The guild had to ask the assistance of friends of the General Hospital and school children in order to cover the city. There were no expenses to this campaign. \$2,125.00 was realised.

FLOWER SALE.

Short stemmed roses were donated by the Winnipeg Florists for the opening of the new Maternity Pavilion--\$531.00 was made from the sale of these flowers for the purchase of vases.

TRAVELLING SHOP.

\$550.00 was given to the Guild, the profit from the Shop which is open for 2 hours each day, 6 days a week, approximately 8 months a year. \$250.00 was kept for the purchase of supplies. The inventory on hand amounts over \$200.00.

After the reading of the Reports the meeting adjourned to visit the exhibits and to meet in the Jade Room for Luncheon at 12:30.

The President presided at the Luncheon and introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr. L. O. Bradley, Secretary of the Canadian Hospital Council and Editor of the Canadian Hospital Journal.

Dr. Bradley spoke briefly and commented on the part which the Manitoba Womens Hospital Aids have played and will play in the future. He mentioned the increased participation of the Government in Health matters, and added that "together we can evolve a better system of Hospital care." He also said, "We are going to reach all of you through your local secretaries in the next few months, to try and put in your community more of our Canadian Hospital Journals..... If you wish to gossip about Hospitals, do so, but know what you are gossiping about."

Mrs. R. B. North of Carman thanked Dr. Bradley on behalf of all those present for his interesting talk.

AFTERNOON SESSION

As His Honor Judge George was delayed, the afternoon session did not follow the agenda, but started out with a discussion period.

Some questions were asked as to the problem of obtaining recognition on the Board of various hospitals where the Hospital Aids did not have representation. It was suggested that the Aids continue to work hard to have members appointed to their Hospital Board as this is a great help to the Aids in determining where the greatest need for their services lie,

REPORT OF THE ESSAY CONTEST

Mrs. W. P. Fillmore.

Madam President, Honored Guests and members of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Assn.,

It is with great pleasure I present the report of the Essay contest held last Spring, fortunately before we suffered from the effects of the flood.

At an Executive meeting held at the home of the President Mrs. A. E. Hoskin, on the 16th., of December, the proposed Essay Contest was thoroughly discussed and the names of the Judges suggested. It was finally decided to appoint Miss Macleod, Honorary Secretary Treasurer and myself as a committee to arrange for this contest-- Miss Macleod to have charge of the Essays and arrange to get them to the Judges and to notify the contestants when the judges had reached a decision. This may sound very simple but I can assure you it entailed a tremendous amount of work, telephoning, corresponding with contestants and Aids etc. I was asked to procure the prize money and arrange for the distribution of prizes.

In all 49 Essays were received (three being returned as they did not qualify to enter) three copies of each Essay were required, one for each judge. The Essays were marked as an examination paper is marked. The Judges were in agreement as to the awards. The standard of the Essays submitted was very high and the Judges were very pleased with them.

The names of the Judges were as follows:-

Mr. E. K. Marshall M.A. Hon. Secretary Manitoba Teachers Society,
assisted by Inspector George Hunter B.A.,

Miss Elizabeth Russell, Director of Public Health Nurses of Manitoba,

Mrs. Robert Darrach, Dean of Women, Clarke Hall, Brandon, Man.

We are greatly indebted to the Judges for their kindness in undertaking to mark these papers as it entailed a great deal of work.

In my efforts to raise the prize and expense money for the contest, I telephoned to the Honorable Ivan Schultz, K.C. Minister of Health and Public Welfare, and asked him if the Department would donate the Prizes. He was most interested in the contest and asked me to write and give him all particulars; this I did, and received a reply stating that the Department of Health and Public Welfare had no funds allotted for that purpose, but he had approached the Comptroller-General and had been able to get \$50.00 for the Second Prize, provided we received 30 Essays. You can imagine Miss Macleod and myself anxiously waiting for the Essays to reach that figure which they did very slowly. We also had to send Hon. Mr. Schultz the names and addresses of all contestants. I might add that I also sent him our last years Annual Report.

Having the \$50.00 we still had to find \$100.00 for the 1st and 3rd prizes, and \$50.00 for expenses.

I wrote to Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson asking him if he would be kind enough to let me know the best persons to approach in the Medical Association for a donation. I sent him all the information with regard to our Essay contest, and also sent him one of our Annual Reports.

After some delay Dr. Thorlakson telephoned me and told me that he had been

Report of Essay Contest (Cont'd)

out of town and as the time was getting short, he would like to send a donation from Mrs. Thorlakson and himself for the Prize money and expenses. He said that he thought the Essay Contest was a wonderful idea and that they had read the report with a great deal of interest. He also stated that if we would send him a copy of the winning essays that he would have them printed in the Icelandic Newspapers and suggested that we contact the foreign language newspapers and do likewise.

I can assure you Miss Mcleod and myself were greatly encouraged by this generous donation and the interest shown by Dr. & Mrs. Thorlakson in the work of our Aids.

The problem still remained of finding a place to present the prizes. I had been in touch with Mr. H. A. Bishop, Manitoba District Manager of Famous Players Corp. to see if a suitable picture was soon to be released that would tie in with our Essay Contest. After several visits and telephone conversations Mr. Bishop told me that the Premiere showing of the picture "Challenge -- Science against Cancer" would soon be released by the National Film Board and it would be presented by the Department of Health and Public Welfare and the Cancer Relief and Research Institute. He spoke to Mr. Gordon Spencer of the National Film Board and told him about our Essay Contest and Mr. Spencer telephoned me. With the co-operation of all these organizations we worked out a programme for Sunday April 16th.

Before the prizes were presented the Prize winners, Judges, Press and Miss Kennedy, Publicity Agent for the Manitoba Nurses Recruitment Campaign, were entertained at Luncheon at Moore's Restaurant by the Executive. In the absence of the President Mrs. Hoskins, Miss Paynter, Vice-President presided. His Honor Judge George spoke briefly to the girls and Mrs. George and Miss Macleod also said a few words. Corsages were presented to the prize winners, these were donated by Ormiston's, through the kindness of Mrs. Oswald.

I do not think that I could begin to tell you how happy and appreciative the prize winners were. I am sure it was a red letter day in their lives and one they will not soon forget.

The girls were in charge of Miss Macleod who took them over to the Metropolitan Theatre on the stage and into the wings to await the awarding of the prizes.

The awarding of 1st. prize to Miss Jessie Ross of the Indian Residential School at Brandon was a most popular one; Miss Gwen Hasselfield second prize winner and Miss Corinne S. Cooper third prize winner were very pleased with their leather wallets and prize money as was Miss Ross. Consolation prizes of \$5.00 each were given to the following contestants:- Miss Gail Whitehead, Winnipeg; Miss Gwen Pearson, Winnipeg; Miss Ann Churchill, Carman; Miss Betty Verhue, Selkirk; Miss Elsie Phillips, Isabella. They were a most attractive group of girls.

In the name of the Man. Women's Hosp. Aids Assn. I asked the Hon. Ivan Schultz if he would present the prizes and also say a few words about the Nurses Recruitment Campaign, this he consented to do.

For those of you who were not able to attend, the programme was as follows:- Arrival of Lieut-Governor, God Save the King. Address by His Hon. Lieut Governor R. F. McWilliams; Address by Hon. Ivan Schultz K.C. Minister of Health & Public Welfare on Cancer Institute and Nurses Recruitment Campaign; Distribution of Prizes by Hon. Ivan Schultz.

FILM "Challenge -- Science against Cancer." which ran 40 minutes.

Chairman of the programme was Mr. C. A. Campbell.

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Invitations and tickets were printed by the Dept. of Health & Pub. Welfare and envelopes provided. Miss Macleod and I addressed and mailed them with a programme enclosed.

May I express my deep appreciation to Miss Macleod for the tremendous amount of work she did in connection with this contest, and her ever ready encouragement and help when we were uncertain as to obtaining the prize money and a place to present the prizes.

Without the help of the following people our Essay Contest would not have been the success that it was.

Hon. Ivan Schultz, K.C. Minister of Health & Public Welfare.
Department of Health & Public Welfare.
Dr. & Mrs. Thorlakson.
Mr. H. A. Bishop, Manitoba District Manager, Famous Players Corp.
Mr. Newman, Manager, Metropolitan Theatre.
Ushers, Projectionist and men at Metropolitan Theatre.
Mr. C. A. Campbell, Cancer Society.
Miss Margaret Nix, Director of Health and Welfare Education.
Miss E. J. MacKay, Supervisor of Administrative Research.
Miss Houck, Cancer Relief and Research Institute.
Mr. E. K. Marshall M.A., Hon. Secretary Manitoba Teachers Society.
Inspector Geo. Hunter B.A. Judge.
Miss Elizabeth Russell, Director of Public Health Nurses of Manitoba.
Mrs. Robert Darrach, Dean of Women, Clarke Hall, Brandon College.
Miss Christine Macleod, Secty-Treasurer, M.W.H. Aids Assn.

Letters of thanks were sent to everyone that so kindly gave of their services and suitable gifts were given to the Ushers, Projectionist and men who gave up their free afternoon to help us.

Our thanks are also due to Miss Garrioch of the Winnipeg Tribune; Mrs. Elliott of the Winnipeg Free Press and Miss Amy Roe for the time they gave so freely to us and for the excellent publicity we received from them. Not forgetting the many Country Newspapers that gave the Essay Contest space in their papers and much publicity to the work of the Manitoba Hospital Aids. We must not forget the photographers that took so many delightful pictures of the contestants. They also gave up their free afternoon.

In closing may I point out that an Essay Contest cannot be arranged without the expenditure of a considerable amount of money. We were very fortunate in having had so much donated to us, even so we must figure on it costing approximately \$250.00.

Actual Expenditures not including the many letters, instructions etc., that Miss Macleod had multigraphed and the mailing of same:-

Prizes, 1st., 2nd., 3rd.	\$150.00
Three leather bill folds	10.13
Five Consolation prizes @ \$5.00 each	25.00
Luncheon Guests	15.25
Donations to Ushers & Men	9.20
Place cards	.90
Stamps for letters of thanks etc.	1.61

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Violet C. Fillmore,
Convenor.
& Corr-Secretary.

GREETINGS FROM HIS HONOR JUDGE GEORGE

His Honor Judge George brought greetings from the Manitoba Hospital Assn. Canadian Hospital Council.

He congratulated the President of the M.H.A. Assn. on the splendid attendance. He said that he was happy to bring the greetings of the Manitoba Hosp. Assn. and Canadian Hosp. Council. "The responsibility of hospitalization is the responsibility of every citizen," he said, and later in his remarks, - "The future success of your organization will depend on good public relations between your organizations and the general public." He suggested that the Aids consider some plan by which, instead of having separate meetings, regional meetings might be arranged to take place at the same time as the hospitals meet, either sitting in discussion along with them or having separate meetings at the same time. He said "The Manitoba Hosp. Assn. is with you, ready to co-operate in every respect."

Mrs. Hoskin advised that a plan has been under discussion which would enable the Aids to meet on the same day, where there is a regional Hospital meeting being held, and this might take place in different zones once or twice a year, permitting a better interchange of ideas. She added that efforts would be made to work out this plan.

Discussion Period.

Discussion was invited on the Essay Contest as Mrs. W. P. Fillmore had given a full report so that delegates could decide if they wished to make this an Annual event.

It was suggested that each of the Aids contribute \$5.00 to make financing the contest possible. Some delegates thought that an Annual contest might cause loss of interest and perhaps one should be held every second year. This would permit newly organized Aids to consider the matter and give them time to raise funds.

A number of questions were asked about distribution of the prize winning essay and a show of hands indicated that it had appeared in 3 country newspapers. 17 members present stated they would like a copy. Miss Macleod, Secty, asked that the names and address of delegates wishing a copy of the winning essay be left with her and if enough requests were received, mimeographed copies would be prepared and sent out.

In reply to a question Miss Macleod stated 51 Aids were represented at the meeting, with from 1 - 20 members representing their Aid.

Discussion also indicated that insufficient knowledge exists as to the possibility of nursing candidates obtaining a Grant from the Government if they cannot afford to enter the profession without financial assistance. It was pointed out that parents can deduct such expenses from their income tax. It was suggested that the Aids wait to see how many of the contestants who submitted an essay actually entered the profession.

It was suggested in view of the serious shortage of nurses, the Aids give scholarships instead of having a contest. This would present many difficulties as to nursing standards, method of presentation, etc. Mrs. Fillmore pointed out the necessity of taking the correct (Matriculation) course in Grade 11.

In Winnipeg there is wide advertising of the scholastic requirements for prospective nurses, and it was suggested that Miss Pettigrew (214 Balmoral St.) might arrange for speakers on the subject to visit rural areas. Miss Macleod displayed and offered to distribute to those interested, Posters & Pamphlets used in the Recruitment of Nurses Campaign.

Discussion Period (Cont'd)

MOTION.

Mrs. Konantz moved that a special committee be set up to go into the question of how the Manitoba Womens Hospital Aids Assn. can best help in obtaining young women to train as nurses, the committee to be named from this body, to report back to the President, and the report to be sent out to all the Aids and voted on at next year's meeting.

This was seconded by Mrs. Johnson of Arborg and carried.

Report of the Resolutions Committee presented by Mrs.W.P.Fillmore was as follows:-

Resolution re School of Nursing Education within the University.

WHEREAS a School of Nursing Education was started at the University of Manitoba in September 1943, with funds granted by the Federal Government to the Canadian Nurse's Association. The aim was to set up post graduate courses in nursing in order to increase the number of specially trained personnel required to meet the war-time needs. At war's end these federal grants were discontinued.

AND WHEREAS in 1945 the Department of Health and Public Welfare of the Manitoba Government agreed to carry on the School by means of financial grants made by order-in-council continued only on a year to year basis.

AND WHEREAS there is a rapidly growing demand in Manitoba for specially trained personnel in all branches of health service. Well trained staff nurses, teachers, superintendents, supervisors and administrators are required for schools of nursing and their affiliated hospitals. All hospitals, even small rural hospitals, need nurses with advanced training. Furthermore, special hospitals, such as tuberculosis sanatoria and hospitals for mental diseases require nurses who are prepared to teach and supervise student and staff nurses, as well as auxiliary personnel. There has always been a shortage of nurses with sufficient preparation for the specialized types of work described above. Schools of nursing and public health agencies have always been handicapped by the shortage of well-trained staff. The continuance of the School of Nursing Education within the University of Manitoba is basic to any plan for the maintenance of a safe standard of nursing service in our province. The availability of the post-graduate education provided by the School is an important factor in encouraging more graduate nurses to prepare themselves for positions of added responsibility.

AND WHEREAS the continuance of the School of Nursing Education on a year to year basis only, has greatly limited its activities and student enrollment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED
That the Provincial Government be urged to establish the School of Nursing Education on a permanent basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Violet C. Fillmore.

This resolution was adopted.

The Man. Womens Hosp. Aids Assn. expresses its sincere thanks to Mrs. A. E. Hoskin for her ever ready help and the use of her home for the executive meetings.

To Miss C. Macleod for the many hours she has so cheerfully given to the work of the Man. Women's Hosp. Aids Assn.

To Mrs. A. M. Oswald for her untiring efforts on behalf of this Assn.

To Mr. Chas. Pierson for so kindly auditing our books.

To the Rural & City newspapers for their kindness in giving so much publicity to the work of the Manitoba Women's Hospital Aids Assn.

The Officers and members assembled in Convention desire to express appreciation of the courteous and efficient service rendered by the management and staff of the Fort Garry Hotel.

Our thanks are also due to all those that have contributed in any way to the success of this meeting.

I MOVE the adoption of this report - Violet C. Fillmore.

Seconded by Mrs. E. M. Sanders of Carman and carried.

The President thanked Mrs. Fillmore for presenting these resolutions, and for her work.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. A.M.Oswald.

Madam President, Members of the Manitoba Womens Hospital Aids Association:-

It is my privilege to present to you on behalf of your nominating Committee the following nominations for the ensuing year.

Past President	Mrs. J. M. George	Morden
President	Mrs. A. E. Hoskin	Winnipeg
1st Vice President	Mrs. Art Williams	Seven Sisters Falls
2nd Vice President	Miss Edythe Paynter	Winnipeg
3rd Vice President	Mrs. R. H. B. North	Carman
Recording Secretary	Miss Christine Macleod	Winnipeg
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. W. P. Fillmore	Winnipeg
Treasurer	Mrs. R. Danzinger	Winnipeg

District Representatives:

Mrs. G. A. Davis	Boissevain
Mrs. W. T. Low	Winnipeg
Mrs. Don Johansen	Swan River
Mrs. R. R. Swan	Winnipeg
Mrs. C. R. Ellerby	Selkirk
Mrs. Matt Ormiston	Winnipeg
Mrs. F. B. C. Richardson	Portage la Prairie

Report of Nominating Committee (Cont'd)

Advisory Committee

Mrs. J. M. George	Morden
Mrs. E. J. Blow	Selkirk
Mrs. Claude Currie	Winnipeg
Mrs. A. P. Johns	Brandon
Mrs. W. O. Henry	Deloraine
Mrs. A. M. Oswald	Winnipeg

All of which is respectfully submitted.

It was moved by Mrs. Oswald, Seconded by Mrs. Ellinthorpe President of the Princess Elizabeth Guild, Winnipeg, and carried.

An invitation to visit and inspect the Princess Elizabeth Hospital after the Annual Meeting in 1951 was accepted.

The meeting then adjourned so that members could take the Bus provided by the Winnipeg Electric Street Rly., through the kindness of Mr. Queen Hughes, down to the Children's Hospital where guides were waiting to take the members on a tour of the Hospital. Refreshments were served afterwards.

A vote of thanks to the Guilds & Board of the Children's Hospital for making it possible to tour the Hospital, and for their generous hospitality was moved by Mrs. Johns of Brandon and seconded by Mrs. Atkinson of Portage la Prairie.

Unfortunately some of the Aids were unable to send delegates this year due to the lateness of the harvesting season. We hope they will be able to be present at our next annual meeting.

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MANITOBA

December 18th,
1950

To:
The Secretary,
Women's Hospital Aids.

Dear Madam:

The meeting of Executive, Advisory and District Representatives, on November 25th, got at business arising out of the Annual Meeting.

As the President was out of the city, Mrs. Art Williams (Seven Sister Falls), First Vice President, was in the chair.

Gratification at the excellent turnout at the Annual Meeting was expressed. Four members were elected to represent us on the Provincial Council of Women.

Mrs. George, our Past President, who attended Ontario's Annual immediately following our own, gave a splendid account of the work accomplished in that Province by their Women's Hospital Auxiliaries.

We are indeed proud that an Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. George by the Women's Hospital Auxiliaries Association, Province of Ontario.

Mrs. Williams, President, Women's Hospital Aid, Whitemouth, invited us for a meeting in May; maybe a call at Beausejour could be managed on the same day. Such a visit could mean a good get-together for many people. Let us keep it in mind.

Secretary:

Christina Macleod
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Winnipeg, Manitoba.